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# **Fill-in-the-Blank Mini-Chapter on Ancient Mesopotamia**

Directions: Read pages 54-57, 58-63, and 66 through 71 in Our World, and pages 17-25 in A Little History of the World. Then, read through the below text. After that, find the correct word from the texts that belongs in each blank.

Mesopotamia is one of the world’s first civilizations. The word   
“Mesopotamia” means the land between rivers.

in Greek. The rivers that formed this area, which is called the Crescent are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Southern Mesopotamia also goes by the name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This region was made up not of countries or counties, but of city-states, which is a powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that controls the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around it. Three such city-states were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Mesopotamians created one of the world’s first written languages. It is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This was made by scratching on a wet, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ table. It has about \_\_\_\_\_\_ symbols or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing that look like the thing they describe. Usually boys went to school to learn to read, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and do mathematics. After they left school, they became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or official writer. They wrote laws, legends, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and records. The world first set of written code of laws, called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were written in this language.

The ancient Mesopotamians believed in many gods. This is called

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most of their gods were nature gods. Ki was the god for a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the god of rain, and Enki was the god of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Mesopotamians built large

step-temples called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on which they worshipped their gods.